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Takao OGAWA et al.) Group Art Unit: 1774
Serial No. 09/385,574) Examiner: Camie S. Thompson
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For: LIGHT SHIELDING BLADE)
MATERIAL FOR OPTICAL)
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND
AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 19, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows: